BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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In the claims:

- 3. (Amended) A connector according to claim 1 [or claim 2], in which the plunger means included fibre-engaging resilient means.
- 5. (Amended) A connector according to [any preceding claim] claim 1, further including a ferrule at the front end, the ferrule carrying an optical fibre as a stub having a distal end flush with the front face of the ferrule and a proximal end extending from the rear face of the ferrule and terminating in an alignment tube coaxial with the channel means of the internal core member.

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- 7. (Amended) A connector according to [any preceding claim] <u>claim</u>
 1, in which the plunger means comprises a compression head which is directly activatable to reduce the volume of the chamber and apply pressure to the adhesive therein.
- 8. (Amended) A connector according to [any of claims 1 to 6] claim 1, in which the plunger means is indirectly activatable and comprises a compression head within the housing and a cooperating activation member which extends from the housing and which is manually movable to cause the compression head reduce the chamber volume.
- 10. (Amended) A connector according to [any preceding claim] claim 1, in which the plunger means includes means cooperable with the housing to maintain the compression head in the inner position.